instructions are sent out to the Zonal Railways and field units for attending to them promptly.

(f) and (g) Railways have a time honoured system for monitoring their performance in the field of punctuality, passenger amenities, cleanliness and catering services. However, special monitoring cells have now been set up at Zonal and Divisional levels on the railways.

Recommendations of Dr. S.R. Sen Committee

*324. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee that was set-up by the Reserve Bank of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.R. Sen on the problems of agricultural development in Eastern India; and

(b) whether Government intend to convene a meeting of the Ministries and State Governments concerned, banks and other financial institutions for considering the financial implications of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has examined the recommendations of the Committee on 'Agricultural productivity in Eastern India' set up jointly by the Reserve bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.R. Sen. The Recommendations of the Committee were considered at a Conference of the Chief Minsters of U.P., Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal held at Patna on 8.1.1986 under the chairmanship of then Union Agriculture Minister. Another such Conference of the Chief Ministers was held on 28.9.1992 at New Delhi to take stock of the developments. The states were requested to give utmost importance to the implementations of the recommendations. It was suggested that the recommendations should be incorporated into state development annual plans. NABARD has been constantly monitoring the implementation of the recommendations in consultation with RBI. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned states were also apprised by NABARD of the developments and impressed upon to initiated further action. The status of implementation of the recommendations has again been reviewed by NABARD in September, 1995 and a note on agricultural production and productivity trends in the region and status of the implementation of the important recommendations has been forwarded to the Finance Minster. In view of these, there is no immediate proposal to convene such a meeting by this Minstry.

Pollution Around Beaches

*328. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gvoernment's attention has been drawn to the Supreme Court's ban on all construction activities within 500 metres of beaches in the coastal States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra pradesh, Union Territories of Pondicherry, Daman and Diu along the country's 6000 Kilometre long seashore for maintaining the eco-balance of the coastal areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Vide its order dated 18th April, 1996 in Civil Writ petition No. 664 of 1993. the